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HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) administers housing and community development programs that benefit American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal governments, Tribal members, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Native Hawaiians, and other Native American organizations.

The **Eastern Woodlands Office** (EWONAP) serves 66 Tribes within 16 states and 6 HUD regions. EWONAP administers over \$90 million in IHBG funds, over \$60 million in Section 184 Native American Home Mortgages, and approximately \$5 million in ICDBG funds in its region annually.

For more information about ONAP funding and programs, visit the **CodeTalk website**.

Eastern Woodlands Region



Join the EWONAP Bulletin Listserv to receive the HUD Eastern Woodlands ONAP Information Bulletins with news and events related to Indian Country, HUD ONAP, Eastern Woodlands Regional Tribes, Funding Opportunities, and Training Opportunities. **Click here to join**. Please share with others who may be interested in the EWONAP Bulletin.

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GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



Aho! Boozhoo! Greetings. As we approach winter and the end of fall with the beauty of the colors turning, we also look back on the harvest and prepare for winter. It is a time of giving thanks for all of the positive things that have happened throughout the year and for honoring our Veterans.

As you know American Indians/Alaska Natives have the highest percentage of Veterans and service members of any ethnic group in the United States. Many members of our Tribes have served in wars from the Revolutionary War to the present. When those Veterans return to our society, they need a place to call home. Housing those who served is a challenge that is only increasing as Veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan join our existing Vietnam and Korean War vets in need of housing. Many of our existing Veterans are our elders and those returning from service bring back useful skills to our communities.

HUD is working to make Tribal Veterans eligible for VASH vouchers and urges TDHE's and Tribal Housing Departments to share their success stories of helping Vets find housing. So if you have such a story to tell, EWONAP would like to share it throughout our region to encourage others in their efforts to provide housing for our veterans. Best Regards, **Mark Butterfield**

INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS

President Obama Announces 2014 White House Tribal Nations Conference:

President Obama will host the 2014 White House Tribal Nations Conference at the Capital Hilton in Washington, DC. The conference will provide leaders from the 566 federally recognized Tribes the opportunity to interact directly with the President and members of the White House Council on Native American Affairs. Each federally recognized Tribe will be invited to send one representative to the conference. This will be the sixth White House Tribal Nations Conference for the Obama Administration, and continues to build upon the President's commitment to strengthen the government-to-government relationship with Indian Country and to improve the lives of Native Americans. Additional details about the conference will be released at a later date.



NATIONAL ONAP NEWS



National Endowment for the Arts 'Our Town' Grants: Our Town offers support for projects in two areas: Arts Engagement, Cultural Planning, and Design Projects that represent the distinct character and quality of their communities and Projects that Build Knowledge About Creative Placemaking. To read about Santo Domingo Pueblo's Cultural District, [click here](#). To read about Squaxin Island Tribe's Canoe Journey, [click here](#). "Art works to support creative, economically-competitive, healthy, resilient, and opportunity-rich communities. Excellent art is an essential part of building a strong community, as important as land-use, transportation, education, housing, infrastructure, and public safety. Artists and community development practitioners across our nation are striving to make places more livable with enhanced quality of life, increased creative activity, a distinct sense of place, and vibrant local economies that together capitalize on their existing assets. Go to our new [Exploring Our Town](#)." Deadline December 15, 2014. For more information, [click here](#).



On October 6th, 2014 HUD Secretary Julián Castro announced almost \$60 million in funding to 92 Tribal communities to improve housing conditions and stimulate community development, including construction projects and local jobs for low-income families. Provided through HUD's [Indian Community Development Block Grant \(ICDBG\) Program](#), these funds support a wide variety of community development and affordable housing activities. "These grants will create better housing, spur economic development and support self-determination in Native American communities," said Castro. "ICDBG funds are an important investment in the remote and low-income Tribal communities that need it most. Through this work, we're proud to help our Tribal partners expand opportunity in their community by determining on their own, not from Washington, which local projects meet their needs and strengthen their future." To see summaries of all 2014 ICDBG projects, [click here](#). For the full press release, [click here](#).

NATIONAL ONAP NEWS

HUD ONAP's Section 184 Native American Home Mortgage Program Announced New Fee: From the October 7th Federal Register: "For HUD to continue to meet the increasing demand for participation in this program, HUD is exercising its new statutory authority to implement an annual premium to the borrower in the amount of 0.15 percent of the remaining loan balance until the unpaid principal balance, excluding the upfront loan guarantee fee, reaches 78 percent of the lower of the initial sales price or appraised value based on the initial amortization schedule. Effective November 15, 2014 the new annual premium of 0.15 percent of the remaining loan balance will apply to all new loan guarantees, including refinances. This notice also provides guidance on the cancellation of the annual premium when the loan reaches the 78 percent loan-to-value ratio. DATES: Effective Date: November 15, 2014." This fee is only applicable to new loans. If you have any questions, contact Rebecca.L.Halloran@hud.gov. To read the full register entry, [click here](#).

Francis Harjo Announces Retirement- Francis Harjo came to HUD in the fall of 1995 as the Administrator for the Eastern Woodlands ONAP. He was later transferred to the ONAP HQ and is currently the Information and Communications Manager for the Office of Native American Programs within the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Washington, DC. Prior to his employment with HUD, Mr. Harjo was Special Assistant to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 3 years and the Native American Coordinator of Native Programs for the Under Secretary of Rural Development. In January of 1991, Mr. Harjo was appointed by the U.S. Congress as the Executive Director of the National Commission on American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Housing. Mr. Harjo has also served on the Board of the Housing Assistance Council (HAC) a national advocacy and Research organization in Washington, DC. Mr. Harjo has worked at the National American Indian Housing Council and the National Congress of American Indians. Francis is a member of the Duck Valley Paiute-Shoshone Tribe located in Owyhee, NV. Mr. Harjo will retire October 31, 2014. EWONAP thanks you and wishes you all the best, Francis!



NOTICE: All HUD Offices will be closed Tuesday November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

ELOCCS Conversion- HUD is planning on retiring the Line of Credit Control Voice Response System (LOCCS-VRS). All LOCCS users must convert to eLOCCS. **If you have not set up your entity's eLOCCS account, please do so promptly to avoid any access restrictions to your funds.** Contact your [Grants Management Specialist](#) with any questions.

Please note:

- All ONAP recipients must have a Coordinator and at least one user registered. If your entity does not have the staff to support 2 eLOCCS users, please notify your Grants Management Specialist immediately.
- ONAP recipients must register as 'Multifamily Housing'.
- To read step by step instructions on how to register for eLOCCS, [click here](#)
- An eLOCCS Registration Guide is also available, [click here](#).
- To read the eLOCCS ONAP Program Guidance, [click here](#).
- For the Getting Started guide (to be used once registered), [click here](#).

EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS

Eastern Woodlands ONAP FY-2014 ICDBG Funded Projects

HANNAHVILLE INDIAN COMMUNITY- GAS LINE EXTENSION - The Hannahville Indian Community of Michigan is awarded \$235,314.00 for the extension of a natural gas line to provide economical fuel costs to heat the homes of 49 low income families in the Cedar View subdivision. It is anticipated that access to natural gas delivery will substantially reduce the 26% of the families income now consumed by heating costs.

AROOSTOOK MICMAC - FITNESS CENTER- The Aroostook Band of Micmac Indian Tribe of Maine is awarded \$600,000.00 for the construction of a tribal fitness center to address rampant diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular disease and other health issues affecting the tribal community that can be prevented or minimized by exercise. The facility will include floor space for youth sports activities such as floor hockey, volleyball, racquetball and gymnastics as well as a year found walking track.

LAC COURTE OREILLES - BOYS & GIRLS CLUB EXPANSION - The Lac Courte Oreilles Indian Tribe of Wisconsin is awarded \$600,000.00 for the expansion and renovation of the Boys & Girls club. The existing building has very limited space for serving an average of 65 children daily, and the space limitation makes it impossible to provide quality programming to the youth at one time. The additional space will allow a quiet area for Power Hour homework, tutoring and the computer room. The addition of a kitchen will allow staff to prepare meals and snacks for the children as well as a safe haven for after school activities.

STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE - ELDER CARE CENTER - The Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians Tribe of Wisconsin is awarded \$600,000.00 for the construction of an Elderly Care Center. The Elder Center is a centralized hub of activity for Tribal Elders and greatly enhances the quality of life on the reservation. The Tribe's rural location is a isolating factor for the Elders who are unable to drive. The Center is centrally located and provides a place where Elders gather for meals, attend health/safety/recreational and educational events as well as support services and social interaction. The Center will also provide home chore services and transportation to shopping and medical appointments.

SENECA NATION - WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY- The Seneca Nation Indian Tribe of New York is awarded \$600,000.00 to replace and aged and failing wastewater treatment plant has resulted in numerous violations of the Seneca Nations discharge permit at least 50% of the time during the past year and does not meet EPA standards. The new wastewater treatment facility will prevent current sewage backup in family residences, contamination of ground water wells and Cattaraugus Creek from the discharge resulting from overflow from the current plant that cannot operate beyond its capacity.

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BAND - TRIBAL MUSEUM- The Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indian Tribe of Michigan is awarded \$482,985.00 for the construction of a Tribal Museum. This facility will allow the Tribe to house and view important and unique historical and cultural tribal collections. The entire community will be positively impacted by the project by providing citizens the ability to artifacts and other historical documents important to the Odawa history and way of life and this facility is critical to the cultural and social viability of the Odawa community.

CATAWBA NATION- CHILD HEAD START/DAYCARE CENTER- The Catawba Indian Nation of South Carolina/ISWA Development Corporation is awarded \$600,000.00 to construct an expansion to the current Little People Academy which is a daycare/wrap around program and Head Start school. The project will include an additional 3000 square feet to house an Early Head Start Program, including 2,300 square feet of learning and child care areas and 700 square feet of office space. More than half of expectant and current mothers with zero to age three children work outside the home and need adequate care and education opportunities for their children. The expansion will allow the tribe to serve up to 100 children from the current 56 children being served.

HOULTON BAND OF MALISEET - DENTAL CLINIC - The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians of Maine is awarded \$473,433.00 to construct a 1,120 square foot Dental Clinic. The Dental Clinic will remove the barrier of out of area travel to dentists who accept Maine Care. The Dental Clinic on the Tribal Area will result in fuel cost savings and the expense of the \$44,553.00 could be calculated as revenue for the Dental Clinic as opposed to an expenditure. The Dental Clinic will improve dental health and wellness for all ages of the tribal membership.

HO-CHUNK NATION - ELDER CARE FACILITY- The Ho-Chunk Indian Tribe of Wisconsin is awarded \$249,433.00 to assist in the construction of an Assisted Living Facility on the Ho-Chunk Reservation. The 10,000 square foot facility will house the Tribe's Elders needing assistance with activities of daily living and minimal nursing care. The facility will include 9 apartment units, 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, 2 efficiency apartments, a commons area including a living and dining room, commercial kitchen and other space designed to meet the needs of the Ho-Chunk Elders and staff.



Developing a New Project?

Revising your Policies and Procedures?

Reassessing Long Term Goals?

Let ONAP Help!

Free Technical Assistance

**HUD ONAP OFFERS
FREE SPECIALIZED TRAINING
AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
FOR TRIBAL AND TDHE
GRANTEES**

How Does It Work?

EWONAP Staff or consultants will develop materials tailored to meet your individual needs.

We can work one-on-one or train in small groups.

Training and Technical Assistance can be done remotely or on-site.

Training and TA available on:

- Construction Management
- Financial Management
- Governance
- Grant Administration
- Green & Healthy Homes
- Home Buyer Education
- Leverage Financing
- Maintenance
- Needs Assessments
- Occupancy & Eligibility
- Organizational Structure
- Procurement
- Strategic Planning
- Or customize your own!



For more information, please contact ►►►

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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
Travois Indian Country Affordable Housing & Economic Development Conference	Nov. 3-6 San Diego, CA	Join industry leaders & experienced tribal experts to learn more about financing affordable housing and economic development in Indian Country. Learn about the Low Income Housing Tax Credit and New Markets Tax Credit programs and meet tribal leaders who've successfully secured financing for their communities. For more info, click here .
Occupancy & Income Eligibility (HUD/ONAP)	Nov. 4-6, Albuquerque, NM	This course will cover Admissions and Occupancy program management with topics to include the application and selection process, eligibility for housing assistance, calculating annual income, determining monthly rental or homeownership payments, occupancy standards, collections practices and compliance, effective communication techniques with residents, lease agreement compliance, and collections. Participants should refer to copies of their own Admissions and Occupancy policies so that they can practice applying them to case studies and role playing exercises presented during this course. To register, click here .
Environmental Training (HUD/ONAP)	Nov. 4-6, Green Bay, WI	This course uses the HUD (24 CFR 58) environmental process that delegates NEPA & other environmental authorities to the Tribes as a framework for providing insights into issue identification and analysis pointed to consideration of alternatives. The textbook with companion DVD will use interactive exercises and simulation. Case oriented exercises will provide participants with a simulated hands-on experience as well as provide opportunities for Q & A and peer-to-peer education. To register, click here .
Asset Building: A Pathway to Economic Self-Determination II (HUD/ONAP)	Nov. 12-13, St. Paul, MN	This 2-day conference provides a forum to exchange ideas about asset building in Indian Country and strategies to support residents as they move on their path toward self-sufficiency. Participants will learn how Tribes across the country are incorporating asset-building into their economic development strategies. Workshops include Financial Education; Credit Counseling; Rental Readiness & Homeownership; Workforce Development; TANF Best Practices; Child Savings Accounts; 18 monies, and more. Presenters represent a broad spectrum of experts: tribal, state, federal, financial, entrepreneurs, national intermediaries & non-profits. To register, click here .
New Trends in Construction (HUD/ONAP)	Nov. 18-19, Seattle, WA	This course will highlight new trends in construction that are both energy efficient and cost effective. The course will highlight cost savings that could be achieved with new approaches to design, project management, and occupancy planning during construction. Life cycle cost savings of using green materials vs. conventional, particularly as impacts utility costs will be reviewed. For more information and to register, click here .

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
Environmental Reviews & Lead Base Paint (HUD/ONAP)	Nov. 18-20, Albuquerque, NM	Learn the ins and outs of environmental review. This 3-day training will offer IHBG Grantees the skills to successfully carry out an environmental review. Training will include detailed instructions on meeting the legislative and regulatory requirements of environmental review, assistance in devising standard procedures for conducting and documenting an environmental review, specific instruction for carrying out environmental review responsibilities, levels of environmental review, and key steps in the environmental review process. As we answer questions common to the environmental review process, tribes and TDHEs will be encouraged to share advice and best practices, to help you avoid common pitfalls. To register, contact Pooja.Patel@icfi.com .
Occupancy/Income Eligibility (HUD/ONAP)	Nov. 20-21, Seattle, WA	Three-day interactive course designed to enhance the job performance of Admissions and Occupancy staff and other tribal housing professionals working on Admissions and Occupancy issues. This course covers Admissions and Occupancy program management with topics to include the application and selection process, eligibility for housing assistance, calculating annual income, determining monthly rental or homeownership payments, occupancy standards, collections practices and compliance, effective communication techniques with residents, lease agreement compliance, and collections. Participants should refer to copies of their own Admissions and Occupancy policies so that they can practice applying them to case studies and role playing exercises presented during this course. The course will also examine how maintaining high standards in the Admissions and Occupancy program affects the overall management of tribal housing programs. To register, click here .
Financial Management (NAIHC/HUD ONAP)	Dec. 2-4, Sioux Falls, SD	NEW! This course covers administrative requirements that pertain to the use of IHBG funds in accordance with NAHASDA. Students will discuss the skills required to perform the responsibilities related to sound financial management and the methods for complying with 24 CFR Part 85, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-87, and A-133 - all of which govern tribal housing finances. During this course, students will develop a working knowledge of the regulations and be introduced to the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles GAAP for tribal housing. We will review transactions that are commonplace in the housing program, and discuss proper transaction controls for safeguarding housing assets. We will review financial statements that will be used for reporting purposes. We will then use this financial information to prepare a budget for the next fiscal year. This training will provide the basics of developing an operational budget for a tribal housing program, and how to budget for various projects and financial sources. Students will also participate in skill building exercises and case studies. To register, click here .

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
NAHASDA Essentials (HUD/ONAP)	Dec. 2-4, Oklahoma City, OK	This three-day training provides attendees with a comprehensive introduction to NAHASDA. Participants will become familiar with all program activities, including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation, and housing and crime prevention services. Other major topics include the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, other federal requirements, financial management and program administration. For more information and to register, click here .
NAHASDA Essentials (HUD/ONAP)	Dec. 9-10, Portland, OR	This exciting and interactive three-day training provides attendees with a comprehensive introduction to NAHASDA. Participants will become familiar with all program activities, including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation, and housing and crime prevention services. Other major topics include the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, other federal requirements, financial management and program administration. For more information and to register, click here .
Environmental Reviews & Lead Base Paint (HUD/ONAP)	Jan. 6-8, 2015, Sacramento, CA	Learn the ins and outs of environmental review. This 3-day training will offer IHBG Grantees the skills to successfully carry out an environmental review. Training will include detailed instructions on meeting the legislative and regulatory requirements of environmental review, assistance in devising standard procedures for conducting and documenting an environmental review, specific instruction for carrying out environmental review responsibilities, levels of environmental review, and key steps in the environmental review process. As we answer questions common to the environmental review process, tribes and TDHEs will be encouraged to share advice and best practices, to help you avoid common pitfalls. To register, contact Pooja.Patel@icfi.com
Title VI/Loan Leveraging	Jan. 13-14, 2015 Billings, MT	Save the date! Title VI/Loan Leveraging. To check for registration details, click here .
Financial Management, Program Income and Basic Audit (HUD/ONAP)	Jan.13-15, 2015, Reno, NV	The purpose of this training is to provide participants with an orientation of the financial management systems necessary to achieve and maintain administrative capability in operating the Indian Housing Block Grant program. Participants will be provided with an overview of the financial and administrative requirements that pertain to the use of funds distributed to Tribes and TDHEs under the NAHASDA. Registration coming soon .

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
NAIHC Leadership: Low Income Housing Tax Credits	Las Vegas, NV TBD	NAHASDA Low Income Housing Tax Credit Compliance Professional Certification. More information coming soon! Check for updates here .
Executive Director's Refresher Course (NAIHC HUD/ONAP)	Jan. 21-22, 2015 Salt Lake City, UT	NOTE DATE CHANGE: NAIHC Executive Directors Refresher Course . The ONAP Executive Director's Refresher is intended to facilitate a unique peer to peer forum for veteran and new Directors alike. Indian Housing management has become increasingly complex where Directors have to work within laws, regulations, PIH notices, and other documentation which can stretch the limits of one's knowledge needed to perform the job well. The Executive Director today is challenged to develop exceptional management and problem-solving skills. In this workshop we endeavor to provide opportunity for skill building and a series of tips and tools to support the Director in doing their complex job better. To register, click here .
Title VI/Loan Leveraging	Feb. 10-11, 2015 Phoenix, AZ	Save the date! Title VI/Loan Leveraging. To check for registration details, click here .

For information about [NAIHC's](#) Leadership Institute Training, [click here](#).

For information about [NAIHC's](#) HUD ONAP Trainings, [click here](#).

For information about [FirstPic's](#) HUD ONAP Training, [click here](#).

For information on the [Native Learning Center's](#) Trainings, [click here](#).

HUD-ONAP2014 Asset Building Summit



November 12-13, in St. Paul MN—Asset Building Summit This 2-day summit provides a forum to exchange ideas about asset building in Indian Country and strategies to support residents as they move on their path toward self-sufficiency. Participants will learn how Tribes are incorporating asset-building into their economic development strategies. Workshops include Financial Education; Credit Counseling; Rental Readiness & Homeownership; Workforce Development; TANF Best Practices; Child Savings Accounts; 18 monies, and more. non-profits. To register, [click here](#).

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Guides, Resources, and Tools

EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager[®] has been updated to improve its value to users while also providing a more secure online environment. Portfolio Manager is the industry-leading, no-cost online tool that lets you benchmark, track, and manage energy and water consumption and greenhouse gas emissions against national averages. Visit PortfolioManager.EnergyStar.Gov for more information, or [click here](#).

DOE Developing and Financing Renewable Energy Projects in Indian Country: This insightful and widely applicable presentation by Robert Springer of NREL concisely explains project development framework and development common pitfalls. To view, [click here](#).

National Training and Education Resource: Free, online resource for courses on a wide array of subjects from computer skills to development financing. To create a log-in, [click here](#).

IRS's Indian Tribal Governments office is offering the [Tribal Bonds Financing: The Basics](#) phone forum recording. The 40-minute presentation covers Tribal bonds fundamentals, the benefits of Tribal Economic Development Bonds, and clean renewable energy bonds. You can also [submit questions](#) about the phone forum contents. **ONGOING**

Free Online Permaculture Design Course: The [Regenerative Leadership Institute](#) offers a 72+ hour permaculture design on-line course curriculum. Permaculture is a branch of ecological design, ecological engineering, environmental design, construction and integrated water resources management that develops sustainable architecture, regenerative and self-maintained habitat and agricultural systems modeled from natural ecosystems. Their goal is to take permaculture mainstream, which requires making the knowledge available to people around the world without barriers. For more information and to register, [click here](#). **ONGOING**

New Guide: Advanced Energy Retrofits for Healthcare Facilities: The healthcare sector, including hospitals and outpatient centers, is one of the most energy-intensive market segments. U.S. healthcare facilities spend \$8.8 billion annually on energy. Retro-commissioning and retrofit measures offer significant opportunities for energy savings. To download the guide, [click here](#).

On the Road to Reuse: Residential Demolition Bid Specification Development Tool: US EPA has completed its report on residential demolition practices that would be instructive to communities on best practices related to residential demolitions. This report identifies environmentally sensitive activities of residential demolition from pre-planning to site rehabilitation. [Download the tool here](#).

HUD's Office of Environment and Energy offers its [Environmental Review Resource Pages](#) on the OneCPD Resource Exchange: From the [Environmental Review resource pages](#) grantees can browse guidance, tools, and webinars on complying with environmental laws and authorities when conducting the environmental review, on disaster recovery, environmental impact statements, and upcoming environmental trainings and training materials.

EPA Issues Moisture Control Guidance for Building Design, Construction and Maintenance: This guide can be used

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

by anyone who designs, builds, operates or maintains buildings and heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment. It was developed specifically for professionals who design buildings and produce drawings, specifications and contracts for construction or renovation; professionals who erect buildings from the construction documents; and professionals who operate and maintain buildings, conducting preventive maintenance, inspecting the landscape, building interior and exterior equipment and finishes and performing maintenance and repairs. To view the guide, [click here](#).

[HUDUSER's New Consumer's Guide to Energy-Efficient and Healthy Homes](#). Homeowners & renters can benefit from home improvements that promote energy efficiency & improve indoor air quality. Raising the bar on air quality & energy performance at home helps reduce heating & cooling costs, saves energy, and improves occupant health & comfort. To help consumers better understand the strategies and product options available to them, HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research has developed the Guide to Energy-Efficient and Healthy Homes. The Guide is a new section of our website that provides concise descriptions in an easy-to-navigate format. Explore the new Consumer's Guide to identify strategies to improve energy efficiency & air quality in your home. For the full guide, [click here](#).

[FindYouthInfo.gov](#) is the U.S. government web site that helps you create, maintain, and strengthen effective youth programs.



Included are youth facts, funding information, and tools to help you assess community assets, generate maps of local and federal resources, search for evidence-based youth programs, and keep up-to-date on the latest, youth-related news. FindYouthInfo.gov was created by the Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs (IWGYP), which is composed of representatives from 18 federal agencies that support programs and services focusing on youth. The IWGYP promotes the goal of positive, healthy outcomes for youth in four significant ways:

- **[Create and Support FindYouthInfo.gov](#)** which provides interactive tools and other resources to help youth-serving organizations and community partnerships plan, implement, and participate in effective programs for youth.
- **[Create and Support YE4C.gov](#)**- This site is the home of the IWGYP's online youth engagement efforts. YE4C helps young people between the ages of 16 and 24 engage in change on personal, community, and national levels.
- **[Identify and Disseminate Promising and Effective Strategies](#)**- IWGYP identifies strategies, tools, and resources accessible through FindYouthInfo.gov that will help promote effective community-based efforts addressing youth risk and protective factors. The Program Directory, provides visitors with information about such efforts. Communities can determine whether replicating these strategies will meet their needs.
- **[Promote Enhanced Collaboration](#)**- IWGYP identifies and engages key government, private, and nonprofit organizations that can play a role in improving the coordination and effectiveness of programs serving and appealing to youth. These partnerships and collaborations provide mechanisms to obtain feedback on how federal initiatives are translated at the local level; keep organizations informed about federal funding opportunities; and provide the IWGYP with communication mechanisms to reach regional, state, and local programs. To learn more, [click here](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Source	Deadline	Details and links
2015 Species Recovery Grants to Tribes- Dept. of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service	Nov. 7	The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) recognizes the unique importance of many protected species to tribes and values ongoing efforts by tribal nations to conserve and protect species under NMFS' jurisdiction. NMFS is authorized to provide Federal assistance to tribes to support conservation programs for marine and anadromous species under its jurisdiction. This assistance, provided in the form of grants, can be used to support conservation of endangered, threatened, and candidate or proposed species, as well as post-delisting monitoring of recovered species. Funded activities may include development and implementation of management plans, scientific research, and public education and outreach; proposals should address priority actions identified in an Endangered Species Act, Recovery Plan or address a NMFS-identified regional priority or need. To read the full NOFA, click here .
Rural Community Development Initiative Grants (USDA)	Nov. 12	Rural Community Development Initiative grants may be used for but are not limited to (a) training sub-grantees to conduct a program on home-ownership education; (b) training sub-grantees to conduct a program for minority business entrepreneurs; (c) providing technical assistance to sub-grantees on how to effectively prepare a strategic plan; (d) provide technical assistance to sub-grantees on how to access alternative funding sources; (e) building organizational capacity through board training; (f) developing training tools, such as videos, workbooks, and reference guides to be used by the sub-grantee; (g) providing technical assistance and training on how to develop successful child care facilities; and (h) providing training on effective fundraising techniques. For more information, click here or call 602.280.8745.
Rural Healthcare Services Outreach Grant Program	Nov. 14	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services community-based program targeted to improve outreach and service delivery in local and regional rural communities. Tribal governments and organizations are eligible as long as they are located in a rural area . To read the NOFA, click here .
Nike N7 Grant Fund	Nov. 15	Click on the “Apply” option at http://n7fund.com/the-n7-fund-grant-cycle-is-now-open/ to view the online application. For more info., contact N7.Fund@nike.com .
Promise Zone Initiative (HUD, DOT, USDA)	Nov. 21	The Obama Administration invites a new round of eligible applicants to apply for a Promise Zones designation. The Promise Zones initiative seeks to revitalize high-poverty communities across the country by creating jobs, increasing economic activity, improving educational opportunities, reducing serious and violent crime, leveraging private capital, and assisting local leaders in navigating federal programs and cutting through red tape. To view the webcast, click here . To read the Fact Sheet, click here . The urban, rural and tribal application guides and the Frequently Asked Questions can be found at: https://www.hud.gov/promisezones . Apply via www.Max.gov .

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Source	Deadline	Details and links
CDFI and NACA Programs (Treasury Dept.)	Nov. 24	For NACA, \$15 million is available to organizations that serve a wide range of Native Communities and reflect a diversity of institutions in various stages of development – from organizations in the early planning stages of creating a CDFI, to tribal entities working to certify an existing lending program, to established CDFIs in need of further assistance. The CDFI Fund awards both Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance awards under the NACA Program. To read the NOFA, click here .
National Historical Publications and Records Commission	Dec. 4	The National Historical Publications and Records Commission desires to make historical records of national significance to the United States broadly available by disseminating digital surrogates on the Internet. The historical value of the records and their expected usefulness to broad audiences must justify the costs of the project. Grants are awarded for digitizing documentary source materials and support to undertake more complex work, such as document transcription, tagging, or geo-referencing. Such online editions should provide basic access to collections. Award amounts can range from \$20,000 to \$150,000. Federally and state recognized Tribes are eligible. To read the full NOFA, click here .
National Endowment for the Arts “Our Town” Grants	Dec. 15	Organizations may apply for creative place-making projects that contribute to the livability of communities and place the arts at their core. Our Town offers support for projects in two areas: Arts Engagement, Cultural Planning, and Design Projects that represent the distinct character and quality of their communities. Matching grants range from \$25,000 to \$200,000. Projects that Build Knowledge About Creative Place-making. Matching grants range from \$25,000 to \$100,000. For more information, click here .
NATIONAL DISASTER RESILIENCE COMPETITION	Phased	HUD’s National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC) makes \$1 billion available to communities that have been struck by natural disasters in recent years. For a list of eligible applicants, click here . Tribes would need to apply through their state. For the program fact sheet, click here .
Generation Google Scholarships - for students from an underrepresented group in computer science	Jan. 15 2015	The Generation Google Scholarship was established to help aspiring computer scientists from underrepresented groups (including Native Americans) excel in technology and become leaders in the field. Selected students will receive \$10,000 for the 2015-2016 school year. College students and current high school seniors are eligible. For more information, click here . To apply, click here .
Google’s Anita Borg Scholarship for Women in Computer Science	Jan. 15 2015	Google Anita Borg Scholarship recipients will each receive a \$10,000 award for the 2015-2016 academic year. A group of female undergraduate and graduate students will be chosen from the applicant pool, and scholarships will be awarded based on the strength of each candidate's academic background and demonstrated leadership. All scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the Annual Google Scholars' Retreat in Mountain View, California in 2015. As an Anita Borg Scholar, you will participate in a unique program that includes professional development as well as outreach in your community which kicks off at the Scholars' Retreat. For more information, click here . To apply, click here .

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Source	Deadline	Details and links
Veterans Cemetery Grants, VA	July 1, 2015	This U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs program assists in providing gravesites for Veterans in those areas where VA's national cemeteries cannot fully satisfy their burial needs. Grants may be used to establish, expand or improve Veterans cemeteries. Federally recognized Tribes are eligible. For the full NOFA, click here .
Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (USDA-RD)	Open	Program helps eligible rural communities recover from or prepare for emergencies that result in a decline in capacity to provide safe, reliable drinking water for households and businesses. Federally recognized Tribal lands and colonias are also eligible. Privately owned wells are not eligible. Up to \$150,000 for repairs to breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, & related maintenance. Up to \$500,000 for construction of a new water source, intake &/or treatment facility or waterline extensions. For more details, click here .
Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Program	Open	Grants are available for the development and operation of Tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions in Indian country. This program assists nonprofit organizations and individuals or groups of individuals to build Indian women's leadership and capacity in Tribal communities to advocate for systemic change that will enhance the safety of women in an Indian Tribe. For more information, click here .



[Section 184 Native American Home Mortgage Program](#): ONAP's Office of Loan Guarantee is accepting applications to refinance existing mortgages on fee simple and Tribal trust lands. As of November 15, 2014, an annual fee of 0.15% of the loan balance will be assessed on all new 184 loans.

Tribes and TDHEs can use Section 184 loans to achieve their housing development goals. Some benefits include:

- Low residential mortgage interest rates
- Refinancing now available on fee simple and trust lands
- One time loan guarantee fee (1.5%)
- May utilize up to 15% of loan funds for site infrastructure costs
- Low down payment
- No household income restrictions
- Buy, Rehab, or Build
- Finance up to 20 units at a time.

[HUD ONAP Title VI Loan Guarantee Program](#)- Title VI loans enable [Indian Housing Block Grant](#) recipients to leverage up to 5 times their IHBG 'Need' funding to finance affordable housing development by pledging future IHBG grant funds as security for repayment of the loan. A private lender provides the financing and HUD provides the guarantee to the lender. To visit the Title VI website, [click here](#). For more information on the Section 184 or Title VI Program, contact Rebecca Halloran, at Rebecca.L.Halloran@hud.gov or 312.913.8626.



USEFUL LINKS

HUD ONAP CodeTalk website	Grants.gov
EWONAP website	Federal Register Today
HUD Indian Housing Block Grant	White House Native Americans Resources Page
HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant	DOT Tribal Transportation Program
HUD Section 184 Home Loan Guarantee	Safe Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation Task Force
HUD Title VI Loan Guarantee	Asset Building for Native Communities
HUD Healthy Homes	Center for American Indian Economic Development
HUD ROSS Grant	Native American Contractors Association
HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing	National Congress of American Indians
HUD PIH Environmental Resources	National American Indian Housing Council
HUD PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs	DOE Tribal Energy Program
HHS Residential Energy Assistance Challenge Program	DOE Weatherization Grants
HHS Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program	DOE Federal Energy Management Program
DSIRE - Energy Efficiency Incentives	EPA Tribal Grants
USDA Rural Development Grants	Small Business Administration Loans
Army Corp of Engineers Tribal Resources	CDFI Native American Initiatives
VA Native Health Services	VA Native American Direct Loan
Economic Development Administration	BIA Housing Improvement Program
GLIHA	MAST
USET	Four Directions Development Corporation
GLITC	Northwoods Nijiji Enterprise Community, Inc.

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